

" BARRINGTON "

Ansen Jones Home

Old Washington, Washington County, Texas

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4341 Main Street, Houston, Texas

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Owner Mr. StegmüllerDate of Erection 1834ArchitectBuilder Anson JonesPresent Condition GoodNumber of Stories One storyMaterials of Construction FrameOther Existing Records

Additional Data Front porch with pediment. Anson Jones was the first Secretary of the State, Texas Republic. Minister from Texas to England and France in 1836-1840. Was the last president of Texas in 1842. Great diarist and historian. He was a native of Massachusetts, having been born in Barrington, Mass. in 1798. He was a physician and was licensed to practice medicine in 1820. After spending two years in South America he came to Texas in 1833 settling first in what is now Brazoria County. He was a strong advocate for Texas independence and at a public meeting held in 1836 he introduced a resolution calling the convention that met in Old Washington later that year. When hostilities began he enlisted in Captain Calders company and was appointed surgeon in Everson's regiment. In 1837 he represented Brazoria County in Congress. In 1838 he was minister to United States England and France. Later, the same year he was elected to the Senate. During Sam Houston's second term as President he was secretary of the State and in 1844 he was elected president of the Texas Republic. It was the skillful statesmanship of Jones that led to the successful negotiations during the annexation of Texas to the United States, and the annexation came about before half his term as president of the Republic had expired. On returning to private life Jones went to his plantation in Washington County where he remained for eleven years. In 1857 his friends brought him out as a candidate for United States Senator, but he was defeated. It was this defeat that led him to sell his plantation with intentions of settling again near Galveston. However, this defeat weighed heavily on his mind and he committed suicide while on a visit to the old Capitol in Houston on January 7, 1858.

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